## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for the monomethylation of nitrogenous heterocycles having at least one nitrogen atom bonded to a hydrogen atom by reacting the nitrogenous heterocycle with dimethyl carbonate at a temperature of between  $100^{\circ}$  and  $200^{\circ}$ C and a pressure of between  $0.93 \times 10^{5}$  Pa and  $1.07 \times 10^{5}$  Pa while methanol produced during the reaction is distilled off as it is formed.